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SUBJECT: SWEDEN AND THE ANANDA MARG

1. DURING OCTOBER 30 VISIT TO DEPARTMENT BY SWEDISH
EMBASSY SECOND SECRETARY NILSSON FOR BRIEFING ON INDO-
U.S. RELATIONS, SUBJECT OF ANANDA MARG CAME UP. NILSSON
CALLED FOLLOWING DAY TO SAY HE HAD BEEN IN TOUCH WITH
STOCKHOLM ABOUT MARG. HE REPORTED THAT A MARG MEMBER
(ALMOST CERTAINLY ACHARYA DRITIBODHANANDA) HAD BEEN
PERMITTED TO ENTER SWEDEN AFTER COMING TO EUROPE BY WAY
OF THAILAND, LAOS AND CAMBODIA. NILSSON SAID THE SWedes
HAVE CLASSIFIED THE MARGI AS MERELY "A PERSON WHO MAY
RESIDE IN SWEDEN" RATHER THAN SOMEONE WHO HAS BEEN
GRANTED POLITICAL ASYLUM. THE GOS IS CURRENTLY CONSID-
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ERING WHETHER OR NOT TO GIVE HIM A TRAVEL DOCUMENT.

2. SWEDEN HAS RECEIVED AN ASYLUM REQUEST FROM AN ANANDA MARG MONK IN THE PHILIPPINES (ACHARYA ADVESHANANDA, WHO HAS BEEN ORDERED TO LEAVE THE PHILIPPINES BY THE GOP AND WHO IN SEPTEMBER APPROACHED AMEMBASSY MANILA ABOUT POLITICAL ASYLUM IN THE U.S.). NILSSON TOLD US THAT SWEDEN PLANS TO REJECT ADVESHANANDA'S REQUEST, ALTHOUGH THE MARG MONK HAS NOT YET BEEN INFORMED.

3. THE SWEDISH GOVERNMENT, NILSSON SAID, ESTIMATES CURRENT ANANDA MARG MEMBERSHIP IN SWEDEN AT 10-15 PERSONS. KISSINGER

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